

ST. PAUL'S PEEL C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Miss Barker

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new pupils and families. I hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday and were able to enjoy the sunshine and precious family time; it has been lovely to have the school family back together again. The pupils are looking really smart in their full school uniforms and have settled in well into their new classes.

<u>Staff News</u> - I would like to formally welcome a new member of staff; Miss Wilson who is working alongside Mrs Aspden in Class 1. Sadly a former welfare assistant and school caretaker, who worked in school for 25 years, Mrs Robinson, has passed away; our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

Queen Elizabeth II - Last night we all heard the sad news about the death of Queen Elizabeth II, in school pupils have been thinking about the service the Queen has given to the world. We're praying for the royal family who have lost a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Together, we have lost a remarkable leader who has been there for the country through so many difficult and good times. She has been a beacon of faith and hope, an example of sacrificial service and a clear witness to faith in Jesus Christ.

<u>Place2Be</u>; <u>Improving Children's Mental Health</u> - We have been lucky enough to become part of Place2Be which is an organisation that helps to improve Children's Emotional and Mental Health Wellbeing; this means for us that every Thursday and Friday we will have a 2-day mental health service in school every week, delivered by Nicole who is a qualified Mental Health Practitioner (MHP), she will be based in our school. Next week you will receive more information regarding this service and also a form to complete if <u>you do not want your child to take part in any sessions</u>, if they are offered. Nicole is hosting a parent/carer session in the school hall on Friday 16th September from 8.45 am - 9.15 am.

<u>Our School Day</u> - School is open from 8.45 am each day for your child to have some time in their class to socialise and eat a bagel prior to school officially starting at 8.55 am. I would strongly recommend that your child is in class at 8.45 am, this additional ten minutes will allow pupils to start learning promptly at 8.55 am.

<u>Breakfast Club</u> - Our school Breakfast Club is now full and is unable to accept any more applications, we do operate a waiting list.

<u>Drop off/ picking up</u> - Please can I ask that parents/carers do not congregate near the school entrances when collecting children, please also appreciate that it may initially take some time as staff are getting to know your faces and we have systems in place to ensure children's safety.

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<u>Attendance</u> - As a school we continue to look at the attendance of each and every pupil and work closely with the EWO. At the end of each half term you will receive a letter stating your child's attendance.

<u>Updating School Systems</u> - Please inform the office staff when and if there are any changes in your child's details including - contact details, address, telephone numbers, email address and notification of medical conditions. It is vital that these are kept up to date so we can contact you in case of an emergency at school. You should also inform school if you wish to change the adults you have listed to collect your child. If you wish to check these details, please contact the school office and a member of staff will run through what is on our system. <u>It remains a legal requirement that we hold at least two emergency contact numbers for every pupil in school.</u>

<u>Holidays in Term Time</u> - All holiday requests during term time will not be granted in line with the Government's legislation. If you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday it is important that a letter is sent into school explaining the dates and the destination that your child will be absent to avoid them being classed as missing in education. We need to know the reason for any absence from school for our records, it is very important we are aware of the real reason for the absence. These letters will not be replied to, however please remember any holidays taken which exceed 5 school days, will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer to issue the fines set in place by the Government. Please also note that the school does not financially benefit from any fines. It is the local authority that collects and keeps any fine payments.

<u>School Website</u> - To find out about everything that is happening in school please visit our website: https://www.stpaulspeellh.co.uk

<u>Class Dojo</u> - To find out everything that is happening in your child's class please access Class Dojo.

<u>Meet the Teaching Team</u> - Shortly, you will be invited to meet your child's teaching team and see their classroom.

<u>Governing Board</u> - The Chair of Governors of our Governing Board is Mrs Prince; the Vice Chair is Mrs Moore. The Governing Board has a vacancy for a Parent Governor, in the next few weeks you will receive information regarding the vacancy and the expectations of being a Parent Governor.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Barker Headteacher

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